EASTER SUNDAY – 17 APRIL 2022

OUR CLERGY

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REV. MR. DAVID DELANEY, Deacon
REV. MR. RANDALL KING, Deacon

Sun, Apr 17, Easter Sunday
Matthew 28:1-10
Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706
7 a.m. Intention for People of the Parish
9 a.m. Intention for all those who have made donations
11 a.m. Danny Lowe, Departed
5 p.m. Intention for People of the Parish

Mon, Apr 18, Monday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Matthew 28:8-15
7 a.m. Intention for Bishop Lopes

Tue, Apr 19, Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41 / John 20:11-18
7 a.m. Bill Morgan, Departed

Wed, Apr 20, Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
7 a.m. Intention for Josh Schroeder

Thu, Apr 21, Thursday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21 / Mark 16:9-15
7 a.m. Intention for Margarita Quijano

Vigil Mass - Divine Mercy Sunday
5 p.m. Intention for Thomas Pecha

Pastoral Emergency Support

Emergency Pastoral Care Hot Line
Please call (210) 370-7838 - Emergency calls only including last rites, anointing, and imminent death. For anything else please contact the parish office at (210) 695-2944 ext 126.

Sacraments for the Homebound
Please call and leave message at (210) 695-2944 ext 126.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Said Mass)
Sunday 7 a.m. (Said Mass)
   9 a.m. (Sung Mass)
   11 a.m. (Sung Mass)
   5 p.m. (Said Mass)
Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. (Said Mass)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Wednesday 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Alleluia! The exclamation rings out across the land, and we who are disciples of Jesus Christ pause to reflect on the reality that he rose from the grave and, in turn, conquered death. In today's colleges and universities, in pulpits of every denomination, and in books and journals, there are those who say it is unimportant whether or not he really rose from the dead. They say that the facts do not impact the moral of the story. Of course, two thousand years of Christianity give evidence that they are incorrect. What the faithful of many generations have experienced and given testimony to is not something built on an idea. It is not a philosophy or a self-help psychology.

The church is a direct result of real events in the course of human history. Without those real events, we simply follow a man who showed us a different way to live. Instead, we follow a God who emptied himself into a human form, suffered the pain of torture and death at the hands of those he had created, and then shattered the chains of death so that we in our human form may follow suit. Today, humanity is redeemed. It is time to face the facts!

There are many stones in our paths that keep us from truly living and being free. Some of these boulders have been there for a very long time. They have been there so long that they have even settled into the soil of our lives with other weeds, vines, and compacted soil keeping them firmly in place. We find them hard to move and trying to do so can be exhausting. What are these suffocating albatrosses that keep us so tethered and immobile? They are many things.

They are past childhood wounds and hurts that stem from disappointment, rejection, or abuse. People may have told us we were unwanted, that the world is frightening, that there are only some acceptable feelings you can have and others you cannot. We may have tried to love someone or struggled to figure out how and were met with rejection. Maybe we trusted someone completely and were betrayed. We come to life collecting barnacles that begin to attach to other barnacles and before you know it, we have a mass of solid matter blocking our vision and keeping us from moving. We live in fear. We are afraid of losing what we have, afraid that the future will be empty, afraid that we won’t succeed and even more afraid that we will not be loved. There is so much fear. Didn’t Jesus tell us not to worry and to not be afraid? Either we believe in the message of Easter, or we don’t!

Go confidently into the night. Walking with God you will find the light and strength you need. Often without even knowing, God will move those boulders and stumbling blocks that bind us and, with putting one foot in front of the other and looking forward, we will move. The resurrection of Christ is really all about receiving the gifts of trust and faith and doing new things. The rocks that bind us keep us spinning the same wheels and doing the same things. When was the last time you threw caution to the wind and actually did something totally out of character and different? This is where we find God, in the spontaneous, the adventurous, the fun, and the creative choices we make! God is not boring and stuck. God is exciting and engaging. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Find a way to trust that this is true and live.

Brothers & Sisters, we ask that you keep the following members in your prayers:

- Regina Szyzskiewicz
- The Szyszkiewicz Family
- Laura Oliveros
- The People of Ukraine
- The Faculty and Staff of The Atonement Catholic Academy

To add someone to this list, please send an email to joliveros@atonementonline.com.
UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE. The parish office will be closed for Easter Break starting on Monday April 18, 2022, returning to normal business hours on Monday, April 25, 2022. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Pastoral Care Hot Line at (210) 370-7838. For Sacraments for the Homebound please call (210) 695-2944, ext. 126. Please leave a detailed message and someone will get back with you.

2022 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE. Please join us on Sunday, April 24, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m., in St. Anthony Hall, for a special presentation on Divine Mercy. We will have the Holy Rosary, Hymns, Meditations, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Presenters will be Joan and Dave Maroney, affiliates of the Marian Fathers at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. For more information please contact Bill Vogt at (913) 961-2981.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES. John and Cathy Nix will be giving a series of three classes for couples to learn the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning through the Couple to Couple League. These classes are designed to teach couples how to track their signs of fertility to help achieve or avoid pregnancy in a morally acceptable way. Attendance at all three classes is necessary to complete the course. Classes will be held on Sundays, April 24, May 28, and Jun 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. Please register at CCLI.org. For more information please contact Cathy Nix at (210) 833-8894 or send an email to Cathy@SACFL.org.

SPRING BAZAAR & CRUSADER ANNUAL FIESTA. Join us on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for food, drinks, music, fun, & shopping. We will be offering guided tours of our parish as well.

SOLEMN EVENSONG. We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 1, 2022, for Solemn Evensong, the sung order of Evening Prayer. The choir this day will be Parish St. Augustine Choir. Our next scheduled Solemn Choral Evensong will be on Sunday, Jun 5, 2022, featuring the Parish Adult Choir. If you would like to join one of our choirs, please send email to the Director of Music at music@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT. Save the date! The Ordinariate Youth Retreat this summer is scheduled for June 22 - 25, 2022. Cost will be around $300, and the venue will be Sanctus Ranch in Pipe Creek, only about 45 minutes away. Plans are already underway for this, and the theme will likely be “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God and Renew a Right Spirit within Me.” More to come.

SUPPORT PARISH ACTIVITIES

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Sacred Heart Chapel - Friday 7:45 a.m. to Sunday 6:15 a.m.
Parish Family Adoration Hour - First Wednesday of the month - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - First Saturday after the 7 a.m. Mass
Morning and Evening Prayer - Mon—Sun, 6:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Parish Rosary - Saturday after the 7 a.m. Mass
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The Parish Office

is seeking volunteers to help count Sunday’s offering. Typically done on Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If interested please send email to Mrs. Sandra Alejo at salejo@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

The Altar Guild

is in need of two more volunteers for this year. In particular, we need to fill the April and August slots. We will train you. If interested, please contact Jessica Coleman at (210) 479-5863.

Livestream the Mass.

We are looking for a volunteer to help us livestream the 11 a.m. Mass. No experience needed. We will train you. Please contact Mrs. Erica Lizama via email at elizama@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

Parish Ministries & Organizations

are always looking for volunteers. Beside your talent, what we need most is just volunteers to help out. No experience is necessary. Contact any Ministry or Organization directly.

The Parish CYO

is always looking for volunteers to help run this very important ministry. Multiple slots need your help. No experience is necessary. All that is needed is your time and desire to help our parish and academy youth. If interested please send email to cyopresident@atonementonline.com

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam, Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, Who destroys death forever,

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!

Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever. Amen.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Catherine School - schoolcat@att.net, (210) 275-5104

Adult Inquiry Class
Alan Becker- inquiry@ourladyoftheatonement.org, (210) 273-9426

American Heritage Girls
Veronica Tovar, AHG Coordinator, or Catherine Henriquez, AHG Vice Coordinator
Email: ahgtroop0814@gmail.com, (210) 695-2240 ext. 109

Atonement Moms Group
https://OurLadyofAtonement.flocknote/AtonementMoms

Culture of Life Ministry
Phil Sevilla- philsevilla@att.net, (210) 784-0518

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Athletics
Send email to cyopresident@atonementonline.com

Educating on Nature & Dignity of Women (ENDOW)
Glorian Roman-Ashby - EndowAtAtonement@gmail.com

Fr. Paul of Graymoor Knights of Columbus Council #16730
Grand Knight Phil Tait, (210) 382-7842

Fulton Sheen Catechism
Thomas Dum, (361) 571-5541

God’s Comfort in Loss (after miscarriage)
Marcela Elsner, Renee Keller, & Claire Jenkins
Send email to godscomfortinloss@ourladyoftheatonement.org

Nonnatus New Moms Ministry
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Rosary Guild
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Grace Howard, (210) 887-8562

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St. Cuthbert Home Visitation Ministry
Dr. Jesus Garcia Gallegos - jgarcia.gallegos@gmail.com, (210) 993-2127

St. Joseph the Worker Prayer Group
Bill Vogt, (913) 961-2981

St. Stephen’s Guild for Altar Servers, Ushers, & Greeters
John Weems - altar_servers@ourladyoftheatonement.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society
(210) 695-2944 ext.160

The Altar Guild
Jessica Coleman, (210) 479-5863

The Troops of St. George
Robert Wallace - tsg815.org

Women of Grace
Diana Marie Salsman, (210) 865-5627

Volunteers needed. Contact the ministry or organization directly.

We continue to be grateful to those of you who contribute so generously to our Parish. But we still need your stewardship. Without your healthy support of the parish, we struggle to fully embrace God’s plan to spread the Gospel during these difficult and uncertain times.

Have you considered simplifying your giving through our online giving portal? You can automatically send your tithe from your checking account or debit/credit card – just as you may do now with your bills. You can enroll by going to the offertory link on our website at ourladyoftheatonement.org. You can continue to support us in the following ways:

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